This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A racket for ball games including a frame ~~(4)~~ having a racket head ~~(6)~~ and a handle portion ~~(10)~~ connected ~~thereto~~ the racket head via a heart region ~~(8), and being~~
wherein the frame is formed of a hollow profile formed by winding a plurality of layers, wherein at least one dampening layer is included on or in one or both of the racket head ~~(6)~~ and~~/or in~~ the heart region ~~(8)~~, and
wherein the ~~frame (4) comprises~~ at least one dampening layer ~~(12)~~ is~~being~~ wrapped between the plurality of layers forming the hollow profile.

2. (Currently Amended) The racket according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of dampening layers ~~(12)~~ are arranged in pairs and essentially symmetrical with respect to the longitudinal axis of the racket ~~(2)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The racket according to claim 1~~ or 2~~, wherein a dampening layer ~~(12a)~~ is provided in the area between four o'clock and six o'clock and a further dampening layer ~~(12b)~~ between six o'clock and eight o'clock on the racket head ~~(6)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The racket according to~~ any one of claims~~ claim 1~~ to 3~~, wherein a dampening layer ~~(12a)~~ is provided at about five o'clock and a further dampening layer ~~(12b)~~ at about seven o'clock on the racket head ~~(6)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The racket according to~~ any one of claims~~ claim 1~~ to 4~~, wherein a dampening layer ~~(12d)~~ is provided in the area between one o'clock and three

o'clock and a further dampening layer ~~(12c)~~ between nine o'clock and eleven o'clock on the racket head ~~(6)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The racket according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 5~~, wherein a dampening layer ~~(12d)~~ is provided at about 2 o'clock and a further dampening layer ~~(12c)~~ at about ten o'clock on the racket head ~~(6)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The racket according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 6~~, wherein the dampening layer ~~(12)~~ is formed of a material that is one or both of a shock absorbing material and/~~or~~ a vibration absorbing material.

8. (Currently Amended) The racket according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 7~~, wherein the at least one~~material of the~~ dampening layer ~~(12)~~ ~~is~~ formed of a material comprising includes synthetic rubber~~, in particular polyisoprene, styrenebutadiene rubber, polychloroprene or urethane rubber, or a mixture of natural rubber and synthetic rubber~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The racket according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 8~~, wherein the material of the at least one dampening layer ~~(12)~~ has a thickness ranging between 0.05 mm and 0.3 mm~~, preferably between 0.15 mm and 0.25 mm, more preferably a thickness of about 0.2 mm~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The racket according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 9~~, wherein the width of the material of the at least one dampening layer ~~(12)~~ is dimensioned such that the dampening layer extends over ~~at least one, preferably two or more~~ winding~~(s)~~ in the hollow profile.

11. (Currently Amended) The racket according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 10~~, wherein the material forming the at least one dampening layer ~~(12)~~ has a width ranging

between 30 mm and 150 mm~~, preferably between 70 mm and 140 mm, more preferably between 80 mm and 130 mm~~.

12. (Currently Amended) The racket according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 11~~, wherein the at least one dampening layer ~~(12)~~ has a length (L) ranging between 20 mm and 150 mm~~, preferably between 40 mm and 110 mm~~.

13. (Currently Amended) The racket according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 12~~, wherein the at least one dampening layer ~~(12)~~ is provided in the form of a plurality of strips ~~(20)~~.

14. (Currently Amended) The racket according to claim 13, wherein the strips ~~(20)~~ extend essentially parallel with respect to each other.

15. (Currently Amended) The racket according to claim 13 ~~or 14~~, wherein each strip ~~(20)~~ has a length ~~(1)~~ ranging between 3 mm and 10 mm~~, preferably between 5 mm and 7 mm~~.

16. (Currently Amended) The racket according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 15~~, wherein the dampening material has a Shore A hardness greater than 30~~, preferably between 65 and 75~~.

17. (Currently Amended) The racket according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~to 16~~, wherein the dampening layer is provided under an angle ranging between 0° and 45°~~, preferably between 5° and 15°~~ with respect to the longitudinal direction of the frame.

18. (Currently Amended) A process for producing a racket~~, in particular according to any one of claims 1 to 17,~~ comprising the following steps:

(a) providing a ~~windable~~ layer material that is windable;

(b) placing a web-shaped dampening material onto the layer material, such that the materials are at least partially overlapping;

(c) winding the at least partially overlapping layer material and dampening material to form a tube; and

(d) forming a frame ~~(4)~~ consisting of a frame profile made of the tube, wherein the frame comprieses a racket head ~~(6)~~ and a handle portion ~~(10)~~ being connected ~~therewith~~ with the racket head via a heart region ~~(8)~~;

wherein the frame ~~(4)~~ comprises at least one dampening layer ~~(12)~~ of the dampening material at or in one or both of the racket head ~~(6)~~ and~~/or in~~ the heart region ~~(8)~~, the at least one ~~said~~ dampening layer ~~(12)~~ being wrapped into hollow-profile ~~the~~ layers forming the hollow profile.

19. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 18, wherein the dampening material is placed in such a manner that a plurality of dampening layers ~~(12)~~ are provided in pairs and essentially symmetrical with respect to the longitudinal axis of the racket ~~(2)~~.

20. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 18~~ or 19~~, wherein a plurality of strips ~~(20)~~ of the dampening material together form the dampening layer ~~(12)~~.

21. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 20, wherein the strips ~~(20)~~ are arranged so as to essentially extend parallel with respect to each other.

22. (Currently Amended) The process according to~~ any one of claims~~ claim 18 ~~16 to 21~~, wherein the dampening material is wound under an angle ranging between 0° and 45°~~, preferably between 5° and 15°~~ with respect to the longitudinal direction of the frame.

23. (Currently Amended) The process according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 18 ~~to 22~~, wherein the frame ~~(4)~~ is molded in a molding press under the influence of pressure and temperature.